

KENNEDY: POWERS TALKING FREELY

Weather

Rain, ending in the afternoon, followed by partial clearing; high 35-40. Fair tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight, 20. High tomorrow in 30's.

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Philly Asks Bucks Share Span Cost

Stalled By Bridge While Horses Run?

Horses may be off and running in August at the Liberty Bell Harness Racing Track, which straddles the Philadelphia - Bucks County Line, but racing fans are likely to be backed up at the Byberry Road bridge across Poquessing Creek.

That fear was elegantly expressed by Philadelphia Street Commissioner David M. Smallwood in his letter read yesterday by the Bucks County Commissioners. He asked the Bucks

Commissioners to share the cost of a new \$85,000 bridge.

More Traffic

"Due to the imminent development of certain spectator sporting facilities contiguous to Byberry Road," Smallwood wrote, "we feel that traffic will be greatly increased."

The Philadelphia official said the city is making plans to rebuild and widen Byberry Road on its side of the creek. He asked that Byberry Road on the

Bucks side, also known as Gravel Pike, be widened to Bristol Pike.

Bucks Commission Chairman Edward B. Boyer referred the letter to Samuel U. Delp, county bridge superintendent.

Gravel Pike

Delp, who has already discussed the matter with Smallwood's staff, said there was no use building a wider bridge until (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8)

Congress, Press Can Interview Later

Kennedy Says Powers Talking Freely, Is Not In Custody

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy said today U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers will be free to do as he pleases after he completes "important interviews" with government officials who have been interrogating him at a secret location.

By emphasizing at a televised news conference that Powers is a "free agent" who is "cooperat-

ing voluntarily with the government," Kennedy sought to remove any question that Powers was being held in custody since his release from a Russian prison.

"At the conclusion of the present discussion, he (Powers) will be free to carry on whatever work he should choose," Kennedy said.

The President gave no clue to what kind of data government interrogators are obtaining from their "important interviews" with Powers, but he said that "the information derived from these interviews will be made available to the appropriate committees of the Congress, and Mr. Powers will be free to testify before the

Congress, should the Congress so wish."

He added that Powers also "will be made available to the press at the earliest feasible opportunity."

As for the pilot's present whereabouts, Kennedy said, "I can state at this time only that he is in this country, that he has seen his father and mother, and that his wife is with him."

(The Baltimore Sun reported that Powers was staying at Ashford Farms, a 65-acre government estate in eastern Maryland along the Choptank River. The newspaper said the location of the hide-out was confirmed by a "high source in the administration.")

The 32-year-old Powers was re- (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7)

3-IN. SURPRISE SNOW CAUSES TRAFFIC JAMS

Winter's Second Heaviest

Traffic tie-ups were the order of the day in Lower Bucks County this morning as the area dug out from under a 3.1-inch snowfall.

Most main roads were cleared by noon as county and local road crews were out in full force with snowplows and cinderling equipment. However, a drizzling rain and freezing temperatures early this morning caused traffic jams throughout the area.

Cold Front

A cold front moving eastwardly pushed the snow center from Pennsylvania, giving the promise of generally fair weather for tonight and tomorrow. An overnight low of 20 degrees, however, is expected to make driving even more hazardous with freezing road conditions.

As for the youngsters, thousands of them were out playing in the snow as several schools throughout Lower Bucks were closed. But the majority of the area schools were open, some of them opening an hour later than usual.



Neshaminy Creek near Playwick Park was transformed into a winter fairyland this morning as

snow fell throughout Lower Bucks. (Courier-Times Photo)

Good Evening!

Valentine Day.

You forget something? Maybe not too late even now to hustle out to the corner florist or candy shop and avert a cold war—little one, that is.

Gloomy skies all over as winter piles it on.

Well, we were due. Three to six inches of the stuff and streets and highways slicker than three whistles. But we'll say one thing: the boys who man the snowplows have been on the job—and well.

Lackawanna County's Congressman Scrantom kicks his hat into the GOP gubernatorial race as a compromise candidate, we see by the papers.

Considering Allegheny County's Woodside's a damancy there doesn't seem much likelihood of compromise at the moment. U.S. Senator Hugh Scott's expected statement today should draw the battle lines however, and, you know, maybe a good knockdown-dragout battle is just what this Pennsylvania Republican Party needs most.

Jim Michener, the writer, still undecided whether he'll tangle with the champ, Congressman Willard Curtin, in a fight for the Bucks-Lehigh Congressional seat.

Lawmaking is infinitely easier than writing, but we suggest Michener stick to the pen. He'd have as much chance beating Curtin as Erle Stanley Gardner would have in trying to dislodge Jack Kennedy from the White House.

Orbital flight of Astronaut John H. Glenn again postponed because of gales and stormy seas in the Atlantic recovery area.

It's getting to be a habit and we suspect Mr. Glenn is beginning to become a wee bit exasperated. Yet, we've got to remember that here's a shot that MUST be a success, not a dud and there's simply no room for even a remotely calculated risk.

Steel and steelworkers start negotiations in Pittsburgh today on a new contract to supplant the old expiring June 30.

Just one word for it from now until an agreement is signed: Statesmanship. Both steel companies and steel unions had better start exercising it NOW.

Behind every successful man there stands a wife. Maybe that's why he never looks back.

Watch your driving.

\$240,000 Estimate Now

Bucks Swim Pool Costs Are Sliced

Blue Bell designer John F. Thornton told the Bucks County Commissioners yesterday that he has revised plans for the Lower Bucks County Swimming Pool so that the cost of the project would be pared down to around \$240,000.

Three weeks ago, Thornton opened bids of the project which averaged well over \$400,000 — more than \$150,000 above the estimated cost of the pool complex which will be built in Bristol Township.

Since then Thornton and the Bucks County Park Board have been at odds. The Park Board claimed that Thornton's estimate was incorrect, and Thornton claimed that Park Board improvements to original plans caused the high bids.

Separate Meetings

In separate meetings with the commissioners yesterday, however, both sides seemed to reach basic agreement.

Thornton, appearing first, told the commissioners that his new plans call for slicing the cost of the bath house from \$80,000 to \$50,000 by using brick veneer over cinder block instead of brick and other alterations. Thornton said the building's design, which (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7)

No major accidents — and very few minor ones — were reported in Lower Bucks this morning.

Second Heaviest

The snowfall, the second heaviest of the season, caught Lower Bucks Countians by surprise as they awakened this morning.

The precipitation began around 2 a.m. and turned to rain shortly before 7 a.m. The U.S. Weather Bureau in Trenton reported a snowfall of 3.1 inches, second only to the 5.7 inches which fell on the area last Dec. 23-24.

Hazardous Driving

Today's snowfall, adding to the 2.8 inches which fell on Lower Bucks last Friday and Saturday, combined to cause hazardous driving this morning.

Long lines of cars, snarled by snow-packed, icy roads, were a common sight on Routes 1 and 13 despite the efforts of the snow-clearing crews. Cars sliding on the hill on Route 1 caused a major traffic jam in Pennel, police reported.

Bristol Township police reported early-morning traffic tie-ups (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Poor Weather Delays Shot; May Be Friday

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI) — Bad weather in the "splash down" area at sea forced postponement of John Glenn's orbital flight into space today and a new storm made it appear unlikely he could take off before Friday.

It was the eighth postponement of the 40-year-old astronaut's round-the-world flight since it was first scheduled in December. The latest delay was caused by high waves in the western Atlantic where Glenn's Friendship-7 spacecraft would come down.

A new storm center moving off Cape Hatteras, N.C., was expected to whip up rough seas in the Bermuda area Thursday morning.

The space agency said at 9:30 a.m. EST that no new launch time had been determined. It promised another statement at 5 p.m.

The astronaut, the rocket and the spacecraft were ready to go and a final countdown started at 12:30 a.m. EST. But just after 2 a.m., space agency officials said conditions for recovery operations were "unsatisfactory."

There was no immediate announcement of a firm new schedule for the launching. But Project Mercury was geared for a day-to-day postponement, and at the earliest blastoff could come between 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. EST Thursday.

Veteran Red Gets Cuba Post

HAVANA (UPI)—A veteran Communist, Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, was named today to succeed Premier Fidel Castro as president of the all-powerful National Land Reform Institute.

The announcement, made discreetly through a cabinet statement in morning newspapers, created a sensation. Most of Castro's power in Cuba has stemmed from the all-embracing authority vested in him as head of the institute.

The institute, described as a state within a state, controls the Cuban economic machine. Its decisions cannot be challenged. Its powers are exempt from constitutional restrictions.

Gideons Ask Return Centennial Won't Give Bibles Back

By KURT KRON
Courier-Times Staff Writer

The Gideon Society last night asked that 3,000 copies of the King James version of the New Testament be returned to the society by the Centennial Joint School Board.

However, board members decided in an executive session meeting that they would keep the Protestant New Testaments. The board acted on the advice of its

Right-Of-Way Asked In Boro

HARRISBURG (UPI)—A resolution asking the state Fish Commission to permit right-of-way rights over a small strip of land near Silver Lake in Bristol Borough, was in the House Rules Committee.

Three Bucks County representatives introduced the resolution yesterday in hopes the commission will go along with a land transaction involving the borough and Bucks County.

The lawmakers want the commission to give right-of-way over a small triangle of land near Silver Lake to a corporation which will build and operate recreational facilities on the borough's well field, which adjoins the triangle.

Bucks County wants to buy 2½ acres of well field property from the borough for a county health department building adjacent to Lower Bucks Hospital. The borough is willing to sell the land to the county if the county will give it the right-of-way over the 400 by 250 by 200 foot triangle.

The land in question has become isolated from the main tract due to a relocation of a road. Commission approval of the arrangement is necessary because the lake was given to Bucks County on the proviso it will be maintained exclusively as a public lake, fishing and recreation area.

Sponsors of the resolution were Reps. James J. Gallagher, D; and Republicans Alan D. Williams and Margarette S. Kooker.

Bodley Votes Yes On Urban Development

Bucks County Commissioner John Bodley, who last week voted against a county urban redevelopment program, gave his necessary affirmative vote yesterday to get the program in action.

He seconded a motion by Commission Chairman Edward B. Boyer to adopt an urban renewal ordinance. It was adopted, two votes to nothing, with Commissioner Adolph A. Andrews absent with sickness.

Last week Boyer and Andrews voted to create a Bucks County Urban Redevelopment Authority, with Bodley voting no.

"Not Changing"

"I'm not changing my position," Bodley explained yesterday. "I'm going to second the ordinance in order not to hold up progress on a step the board has taken."

Boyer, apparently not expecting Bodley's support, had indicated he would hold back the motion until Andrews returns.

Members of the authority have not yet been appointed.

The ordinance declares "the need for a redevelopment authority." Certified copies of it must be sent to the Department of (Continued on Page 36)

Active In Morrisville

John S. Foose Dies; Former Councilman

John S. Foose Sr., a former councilman from the second ward in Morrisville from 1958-62, died suddenly last night in Mercer Hospital, Trenton.

He was 65 and lived at 30 Chelton Ave., Morrisville.

He had been chairman of the park recreation committee of Morrisville and was very active in the development of Island Park. He was responsible for having the creek filled in for additional parking and play space.

He retired from business four years ago after having operated Foose Market on West Bridge St. at Chelton Ave., Morrisville, for 25 years. His son, Cornelius, operates the business now.

Lived On Farm

Born in Andersonburg, Pa., Mr. Foose lived on a farm there until he was about 19 years of age. He then attended school in Marietta, Pa. and moved to Trenton afterwards.

There he met and married Miss Florence Britton. He worked then at the Thorpe Foundry in Tren-



JOHN S. FOOSE SR.

ton, which is no longer in business. He and his wife moved to Morrisville in 1920. Mr. Foose became an insurance salesman, and (Continued on Page 24)

'Inside' Stories

A Lower Bucks County rabbi will be honored at a banquet commemorating the 20th anniversary of his ordination. See Page 13.

Many in the area will shortly visit Doylestown — as members of the jury. See Page 12.

A Southampton club is planning a fashion show and dance. See Page 14.

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Bristol Athletes Losing Interest In School Letter?

Are young Bristol Borough school athletes ignoring the tradition of days of yore when schoolboys strived mightily to earn that fine piece of chenille called the school letter?

Are Bristol's schoolboys in danger of becoming "pros at the age of 10?"

Board Meeting
The question cropped up at a Bristol Borough School Board meeting last night.

School board members John

Dougherty and Carmen Gullotto maintained that the school district is losing athletic talent. Certain pupils, they said, prefer playing for organized teams because the sponsors award athletic jackets and trophies. School spirit is lacking in many cases, they said.

Dougherty and Gullotto laid part of the blame to the borough's recreation program. There is a conflict here, they said. Their allegations regarding the recreation program were challenged by recreation board member Harrison Fish-

er who was present at last night's meeting.

Called Haven
Dougherty and Gullotto maintained that, in some cases, the recreation program is a haven for athletes who don't want to discipline themselves — who don't like the idea of attending daily practice or sitting on the bench for a time until their ready to play regularly.

This lack of discipline causes students to sacrifice honor for material gain, the two board mem-

bers said. They look forward to playing organized sports with its rewards rather than to the school.

Dougherty said that nowadays a youth can virtually be "a pro at the age of 10."

Says Unfair
Fisher told the two that it was unfair to blame the recreation board for the evil.

"Our program is especially intended for youngsters who can't make the team at school," Fisher said.

"When a boy reaches 12, we're

finished with him," Fisher said. "Then it's up to the school to train him."

Combats Delinquency
"What other program is more successful in combating juvenile delinquency?" Fisher asked the two.

Fisher said that children could be trained more properly if the recreation program was guided by a full time athletic director.

Dougherty and Gullotto agreed to arrange a meeting with the recreation board. "The problems

might be ironed out with a little discussion, they said.

In other business last night the board heard appraisal figures on 47 acres of land owned by the school district at Beaver Dam Road and Route 13. The board is contemplating the sale of the tract. Realtors Frank Mignoni and Vincent Massi told the board that the land might be best suited for a large shopping center.

Sworn In
Sidney Popkin, a new board

member, was sworn in by Secretary-Solicitor Anthony Mando.

The board also approved the purchase of track equipment for the junior high school for \$627. James Atkins, a teacher, was appointed to coach the team at a salary of \$200.

Teacher Carmen Mignoni was appointed athletic trainer and assistant coach in wrestling.

Bids for work on the high school track were held for further study.

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Three To One Vote

Middletown Board Elects 5th Member

James L. Wright, Jr. 36, 116 Hollow Road, Highland Park, Levittown, was selected last night by the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors to be the fifth board member. The vote was three to one.

Supervisor Walter Farley Jr., the board's lone Democrat, objected to the appointment of Republican Wright.

He asked fellow board members to consider someone else, stating that Wright lacked experience "and has not done a good job for the township."

Development Commission
Wright has served as a member of the township commercial and industrial development commission.

Wright's appointment was to fill the unexpired term of Patrick Shields, who resigned last month. The appointment expires in Jan., 1966.

Wright was nominated by Supervisor Joseph Canby and seconded by James L. Cahill, board chairman.

Cahill said moments before the meeting that he did not know who would be appointed.

Expected Deadline

Later Farley said he had expected a deadlock with Supervisor Thomas Thompson joining him in voting against Wright's confirmation. Thompson, however, voted with Canby and Cahill.

Wright's contender for the appointment was Paul Landis, a fellow Republican and former member of the township school authority, according to Cahill.

The executive committee of the township's Republican Association recommended both Wright and Landis to the supervisors after a vote on the recommendation by the committee revealed a virtual even split between the two men.

Industrial Engineer

Wright is senior industrial engineer for the American Steel and Wire Division, U.S. Steel Corporation, with offices in Trenton. He has lived in the township four years and in the county 10 years.

He is an engineering graduate of the University of Michigan and has done graduate work in business administration there.

Born in New York City, he is married and has four children. His stepson, Duane Parker, 17, attends Neshaminy High School. He has a daughter, Anne, nine, and two young sons, James, seven, and Matthew, three.

He was registration and campaign chairman of the 1961 Republican campaign in Middletown and was voted the Republican of the Year Award for 1961. He is vice president of the township Republican Association this year.

Fires Charges

Democrat Farley, angry over Wright's appointment, charged that "Lindeberg has taken over

Births

Lower Bucks County Hospital

Feb. 12

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaw, 5 Spring Lane, Levittown, boy

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goldman, 24 Plumtree Turn, Levittown, boy

Feb. 13

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lenhart, 312 Wynwood Ave., Croydon, boy

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Koretsky, 33 Iris Road, Levittown, boy

Mr. and Mrs. William Holden, 35 Mica Hill Lane, Levittown, girl

Mr. and Mrs. William Frake, 219 Jackson St., Bristol, boy

Delaware Valley Hospital Births

Jan. 31

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bates, 14 Margin Turn, Levittown, boy

Mr. and Mrs. John Glerum, Bristol Pike R.D. 1 Morrisville, boy

Feb. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walker, 18 Bayard Street, Trenton, New Jersey, girl

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bass, 115 South Delmar Ave., Morrisville, boy

Middletown To Give Plan On Home Fires

Middletown Township will announce its recommendations for chimney fire prevention at a meeting of supervisors tonight.

Township Manager Charles Melchior said he is sending out a letter explaining the recommendations to homeowners today. The letter will include a diagram prepared by Gerald Summerson, township engineer, he said.

Township Building
The meeting tonight is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock in the township building.

Last night the township supervisors, Melchior, building officials, and fire prevention bureau officials met at the township building to hear further clarification of the problem. One of the speakers was Charles Lee, of the Fire Underwriters.

Others attending the meeting were fire chiefs and County Fire Marshal Fred Hibbs.

Asked To Leave
Leonard Newman, Bristol Township building official, said all non-Middletown Township personnel were asked to leave last night's meeting after giving their views.

He said for this reason he did not know what final decisions the Middletown people reached. There is a controversy between Newman and Middletown officials. Middletown declined to endorse Newman's plan to install a rain cap and extra length of flue as the most important steps in eliminating chimney fire hazards.

It appears as though the crux of Middletown's recommendations will be alteration and reconstruction of the starter pan area to preclude heat from igniting aging wood around the pan. Middletown officials feel Newman was hasty in making his recommendations.

Newman stated he feels Middletown is acting too slowly in an emergency situation.

Ransom Plan Is Called Off

MONMOUTH, Ill. (UPI)—Mayor Allan Walters has suggested that the Y.M.C.A.'s Sombra Club find another way to raise \$1,000 to refurbish a clubroom for teen-agers. Club members had proposed that they "kidnap" Walters and hold him for "ransom" until donations were received.

3-Inch Surprise Snow Causes Traffic Jams

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at the intersections of Green Lane and Mill Creek Road, Bath Road and Oxford Valley Road, and on the turnpike bridge at Oxford Valley Road.

Speed Limit Reduced

Similar tie-ups were reported in Bensalem and Lower and Upper Southampton Townships. State police reduced the speed limit the length of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to 35 miles an hour.

Neshaminy School District business administrator John Paul reported that between 180 and 200 Neshaminy High School students were late for classes this morning when three buses were tied up for about an hour on Bellvue Ave., Langhorne. The buses could not move due to cars without chains piling up on the hill.

150-Man Crew
A 150-man state highway department crew, which started work shortly before 2 a.m., expects to have all 1,000 miles of state roads in the county cleared of snow today, Clark E. White, principal assistant highway superintendent, announced. The state highway workers, using 49 trucks and seven heavy graders, had the five U.S. routes in the county plowed and cindered this morning and then used graders to remove the remaining snow.

Oscar A. Booz, state high-

way superintendent for Bucks County, directed operations from the field. He was on hand at Pennell to help clear up the traffic jam.

All main roads were expected to be cleared by the time freezing temperatures hit the area this evening. Then local and county road crews were prepared to put additional cinders on icy spots.

In Middletown Township, State Highway Superintendent Harry Bisco said his crews had cleared all main township arteries by 11 a.m. He said all streets would be plowed by 3 p.m. Cindering operations were carried out between 3 and 6 a.m.

Bristol Township Manager Vincent H. Hartley reported "everything under control" with all township equipment on the roads. Hartley said the crews were out shortly after 6 a.m. and that all roads should be plowed by this evening.

"We will definitely enforce the cleaning of sidewalks 24 hours after the snow ceases," Hartley warned Bristol Township residents. He said that police officers will be instructed to cite violators, who would then be subject to fines up to \$25, plus costs.

In Bristol Borough, Police Chief Vincent Faragalli reported no traffic problems with borough road crews plowing and cindering streets since early morning.

Falls Township officials reported all main roads cleared, but hazardous driving in many sections due to the rain and icy conditions.

Weatherwise, today's forecast called for clearing skies following the snow and rain. Tomorrow's outlook is for fair skies with the temperature in the 30s.

Today's 3.1-inch snowfall brings the seasonal total to 17.8 inches, well below the 46.1 inches Lower Bucks experienced up until this time last year. Last season's total snowfall was 48.5 inches, indicating that we may not be in for much more this season — if past records mean anything.

Heart Of The Matter



Five-year-old Vickie Parshall, 15 Garden Lane, Greenbrook, goes along to make sure Kevin Scott, 4, 41 Kingwood Lane, Kenwood, gets an appropriate present for Valentine's Day. It's a big decision and

one that children and adults were making all over in observance of the holiday today. (Courier-Times Photo)

Costs Sliced

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was created by Doylestown architect Frank Schlessinger, will remain unchanged.

Schlessinger, at a previous meeting with the commissioners, objected to "implications that there is a lot of fancy architecture" in the building, and pointed out that the bid on the bath house came in "on the nose."

Thornton said yesterday that the revised building will be "just as sound and just as attractive."

Thornton also suggested that a brick wall which was to surround the pool be eliminated, which he said, would further eliminate the need for plumbing facilities to drain off water splashed on the pool decks, because the water could drain directly onto grass.

He suggested a \$28,000 concession building, but yielded to suggestions by Commissioners John J. Bodley and Edward B. Boyer, chairman, and said a simple concession building could be built for \$8,000.

Thornton also said \$11,000 could be saved if the pool were moved 300 feet north, because the ground would receive pilings easier. However, this suggestion appears to be out the window, because Robert W. Pierson, executive director of the Park Board said the Delaware Expressway may go through the location suggested by Thornton.

Originally planned to contain an Olympic-size main pool, a training pool, wading pool and diving tank, the pool complex probably will be built without the training pool.

Pierson said he will discuss the revised plans with the Park Board and will report the board's recommendations to the board on Friday. Boyer said he wants to receive new bids as soon as possible.

Pier Angeli, Composer Wed

LONDON (UPI) — Italian-born actress Pier Angeli today became the Valentine Day bride of Italian jazz composer and conductor Armando Trovajoli.

They were married in a London registry office. Two police constables and a police lieutenant guarded the two doors leading into the office when Miss Angeli arrived, accompanied by her sister, actress Marisa Pavan.

Bodley Feels Real Healthy

Andrews Follows Boyer With Ailment

Bucks County's Democratic Minority Commissioner, Adolph A. Andrews, who has lately been voting with Commission Chairman Edward B. Boyer on controversial issues is in the hospital with the same ailment that plagued Boyer just a year ago.

Andrews is convalescing in Lower Bucks County Hospital after an operation Friday in which a kidney stone was removed. A year ago Boyer underwent the

Centennial Won't Give Bibles Back

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ed last week by attorney Samuel Snipes, acting on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Polster of Southampton.

The Polsters, Quaker parents of four elementary pupils in the Centennial district, had requested a temporary injunction against the offer of the books in six district elementary schools.

They contended that this offer would be a violation of the laws separating church and state.

Request Withdrawn
The injunction request was withdrawn when counsel for both sides agreed to refrain from any action until after the hearing tomorrow.

A school board member said this morning, "We fully intend to take this matter to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary."

School officials pointed out last night that they were interested in hearing opinions on the basic right of the schools to make religious writings available.

Strong Approval
Most citizens who spoke last night voiced strong approval of the board's decision on Nov. 14, 1961 to make the books available to those students who wished to take them.

Curtice C. White of 539 Centennial Road, Johnstown, was the first to commend the board for its decision to make the books available.

White presented members of the board with a letter which, he said, contained 1,205 signatures of local citizens who supported the board.

Hugh J. Cleghorn, a resident of Warminster Township, who identified himself as a veteran of World War II, was loudly applauded when he declared, "This country was founded on the Bible. We must have the right to read the Bible."

In denouncing the protests of groups opposed to the Centennial distribution, Cleghorn asked, "How much further is the minority going to go? This sounds Communist."

Members of the audience applauded again.

No one in the audience stood to declare that he, personally, opposed the board's decision.

Dr. Everett McDonald, district school superintendent, read a pre-

pared statement which declared that the basic issue has "become in simple terms the right to distribute these books or to be more specific the right to make them available."

"Any such denial to the public school of either the right or the possibility of teaching the needed spiritual values we reject," McDonald said.

Should Be Separation
The statement also said, "It is the feeling of this school board and this administration that the Constitution established that there should be a separation of State and Church, but it is doubtful that the Constitution was framed to separate State from Church."

The statement from Faust declared that the Gideons wished to withdraw their offer because "the furor that is arising in your school district has potential for a serious conflagration that may rouse personalities and develop scars that could endure for many years."

Faust stated that the Gideons "had anticipated the same uneventful reception that we always got before" when they made their offer.

He added that there had never been any trouble with similar distributions in Bucks County and that the offer "does not conflict with any law, particularly the First Amendment."

Algerian Mobs Rioting Again

ALGIERS, Algeria (UPI) — French troops and riot police fired on rioting Algerian mobs trying to invade the European sector of Oran today after 44 dawn bomb attacks by terrorists in the Arab quarters.

The security forces also used concussion and tear gas grenades during the series of clashes in the western Algerian port city, a stronghold of the extremist Secret Army Organization (OAS) which has sworn to keep Algeria French.

The bombings were blamed on the OAS.

Police said nine Algerians were killed and eight wounded in the shootings. An army lieutenant was killed and another lieutenant and four soldiers injured.

The casualties brought the day's toll in Oran and Algiers alone to 15 dead and 23 wounded, and the unofficial 1962 toll to 808 dead and 1,420 wounded.

At one point security forces threw concussion and tear gas grenades into a shouting, wild-eyed crowd of Moslems. The crowd had been threatening to storm a police barricade after first stoning passing automobiles, and then 95 sing.

The first of the barrage of plastic bombs was set off 15 minutes before the curfew ended at 6 a.m. Thirteen more exploded almost immediately and all were in the Boulevard Joseph Andreu, in the most thickly populated Arab area of Oran.

Kennedy

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leased by the Russians last Saturday in exchange for Soviet spy Rudolf Abel. Powers had been imprisoned for nearly two years.

The first question of the news conference was what Powers' status would be when he had finished answering the government officials.

Kennedy replied that Powers now was "a free agent" and was cooperating voluntarily with the government.

At the conclusion of the interrogations, the President said the U2 flyer would be free to do whatever he wanted.

Kennedy said he was "deeply pleased" that Powers and an American student, Frederic Pryor, had been released by the Communists.

He added that he would be "doubly pleased if this release" points to any significant progress in improving Soviet-American relations.

Without pinpointing the exact place where Powers was being questioned, the President said he was "in this country he has seen his father and mother and his wife is with him."

Kennedy declined to answer a question as to how Powers' plane was shot down. He said the question should wait until the questioning has been completed.

On other subjects, the President:

NUCLEAR
—Supported a statement by British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan that no atomic tests are planned at Christmas Island in the central Pacific until after the Geneva disarmament conference has begun. Kennedy said that by the end of this month the U.S. government will have completed its analysis of all the factors involved in possibly resuming atmospheric nuclear tests.

The decision will be made then.

CONFERENCE
—Disagreed with New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's charge that the recent Punta del Este conference was a failure. Kennedy said all the countries of the hemisphere took the position that Cuba, with its Communist government was not the part of the inter-American system. The important thing, he said, was the unanimous stand against Cuba.

EMPLOYMENT

—Said he regarded as the "major domestic challenge" of the 1960's the job of maintaining full employment in spite of such factors as increasing use of machines. He said that if the economy moved forward as he hoped it would this challenge could be met. He said some industries would permanently lose some jobs as has happened in the steel and coal. But he said an expanding economy should be able to meet this problem and still absorb new job seekers.

VIET NAM
—Said congressional leaders of both parties have been kept informed of the increasing support the United States has given to Viet Nam to keep that country from being taken over by Communist military aggression. The GOP National Committee questioned Tuesday whether the United States is moving toward "another Korea" in Viet Nam.

Fires Delay Meeting

Firemen of Levittown Fire Co. No. 2 had an unusually long business meeting last night due to two fire calls which interrupted proceedings.

The first alarm came at 9:38 p.m. just as the meeting was turning to new business. The firemen left their paper work and went out to extinguish a trash blaze in the rear of Towne Pharmacy, located in the Five Points Shopping Center.

Two hours later, at 11:28 p.m., the firemen again had to leave their business meeting. This time they were called out to quell an oil burner fire at 60 Autumn Lane, Appletree, Levittown.

Returning to the fire house for the second time, the company was able to complete its business meeting without further interruption.

Paralyzed Priest Dies

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The Rev. Louis Galli, a Catholic priest who was paralyzed by a robber's bullet 26 years ago, died Tuesday at Notre Dame Hospital.

The priest was unable to move or speak for 26 years—but a nurse said he always managed a smile.

The Salesian priest was shot on Christmas Day, 1935, when he shouted a warning after two men entered the parish house with drawn guns at St. Joseph's Church in Oakland, Calif.

The men, Hugh J. Doherty and William Price, were convicted of the shooting and sentenced to terms of five years to life. They are now free.

Stalled

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Bensalem Township widens Gravel Pike.

The old bridge, Bucks County Bridge No. 16, is not wide enough for two cars to safely pass, Delp said.

Chairman William T. Mullin of the Bensalem Township supervisors, reacted coolly to the suggestion that his township rebuild the road. Mullin said he received a carbon copy of Smallwood's letter.

"Road Just Fine"

"That road is just fine for the people of Bensalem Township the way it is," Mullin said. "We are not going to make the taxpayers pay to change it."

Delp said another county bridge near the track, crossing Poquessing Creek on Knights Road, has been given to the state.

The Byberry Road bridge would be useful for Philadelphia driving to the track after leaving the city on Frankford Ave., James N. Darrah, consulting engineer for the county, said.

Five Ask Probe Of 'Corruption'

The Pennsylvania Department of Justice was once again called upon by House Republicans to make public the "whole story of corruption" in the Bureau of Professional Licensing and in other departments and agencies of state government.

A resolution introduced by GOP House members cited several cases, beginning with the dismissal July 6, 1961, of William J. Kilroy, of Philadelphia, former administrative chief of the 16 licensing bureaus in the Department of Public Instruction which have not been fully explained to the public.

Sponsors of the resolution are: Alan D. Williams, Jr. (Bucks); James A. Esler (Allegheny); Clarence F. Manbeck (Lebanon); Harry M. Elvey (Fulton); and Gerald S. Zember (Berks).

Weather



A RAINY DAY

High today: 40
Low tonight: 20
High yesterday: 35
Low yesterday: 15
Low this morning: 26
Sunset tonight: 5:33
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:53

Forecast: Rain, ending this afternoon, followed by partial clearing. High today between 35-40. Fair tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight, 20. High tomorrow in the 30s.